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SUBJECT: Applications still being accepted for Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board until Sept 2, 2009.

The Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board is recruiting for up to four new board members to serve as public member representatives on this board. The KRSMA Board is a 17 member Advisory Board comprised of 9 members representing a broad spectrum of public interests, and 8 members representing various state or federal agencies or local government. Incumbent board members whose terms are expiring this year may also indicate their desire to continue on the board and may be reappointed.

The KRSMA Advisory Board meets monthly except for the summer months and advises the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on issues related to the management of the Kenai River Special Management Area. The Board will be working on the continuing implementation of the recommendations in the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan. Some of the special projects that the Board will be addressing over the coming year include reviewing results from the 2009 Recreation Use Study on the Kenai River, participating in regulation changes to hunting zones on the lower river and analyzing results from the past boat wake studies and turbidity studies on the river.

Landowners, sport or commercial fishermen, recreational boaters or others interested in Kenai River habitat, fish or wildlife resources or recreation issues are urged to apply for a position on the Board. Applications are available online at www.alaskastateparks.org under Current News. submissions may be sent to dnr.pkskenai@alaska.gov. Please contact Alaska State Parks at 262-5581 or the Kenai River Center at 260-4882 for more information or to arrange for an application to be sent to you. Applications are due September 2, 2009; new appointments will be made by October 31, 2009.

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